



Wilmington Fire Department

Citizen's Fire Academy

The Wilmington Fire Department's Citizen's Fire Academy is a learning program for those who would like to know more about their local fire department. This program is designed for community members (age eighteen and up) who show an interest in the workings of our fire department and have a genuine interest in making our city a safer place to live. This nine-week program will cover departmental policies, procedures and general fire department operations. Additionally, the Citizen's Fire Academy program will provide knowledge and hands-on experiences with fire prevention, rescue, communications, hazardous materials identification, extinguisher training, basic first aid and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and tactical and water rescue.

The classes for our Spring 2010 Citizens Fire Academy will be held Tuesday evenings from April 13th through June 1st (6:30 – 9:30 PM) as well as the final class/graduation on Saturday, June 5th (10:00 AM – 12:00 PM).

To obtain an application, please contact Andrea Good, Human Resources Coordinator, City of Wilmington Fire Department at (910)772-4131 or at andrea.good@wilmingtonnc.gov. Wilmington residents will get first priority for acceptance into the Academy, but residents outside Wilmington are welcome to complete the application process. Applications are due by March 15th, 2010. Should your application be accepted, there will be a \$25.00 program fee required and a medical evaluation form that needs to be completed by a physician for entrance into the Academy.

Schedule for Citizen's Fire Academy:

(Please note that these opportunities will be entirely optional and accommodations will be made should an applicant be unable to fully participate.)

Tuesday, April 13th - **Introduction to the Wilmington Fire Department**

Meet Fire Chief C.V. (Buddy) Martinette and learn about the history of our department. Discover our plans for the future and find out how you can be a part of them. Experience a detailed tour of our fire headquarters and take a ride up in the tower bucket.

Tuesday, April 20th - **Gear/Equipment/Obstacle Course**

Learn about our gear, including our Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA). Try out the SCBA for yourself while completing an obstacle course.

Tuesday, April 27th - **Marine Firefighting**

Have you ever heard about our Dive Rescue team? Take a ride on our fireboat - the *Atlantic VI* - and learn what it takes to conduct underwater search and rescue operations.

Tuesday, May 4th - **Emergency Management Services (EMS)**

Take a tour of Wilmington's 9-1-1 center and learn about the EMS calls the fire department responds to and why. Learn basic Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and First Aid. (Note - No certifications will be given.)

Tuesday, May 11th - **Fire Prevention/Investigation**

Have you ever wondered how arson is investigated? Learn about the roles and the day-to-day duties of a fire investigator. Explore our Fire Safety Trailer and get hands-on experience putting out a fire with an extinguisher.

Tuesday, May 18th - Hazardous Materials (Haz Mat)

Learn about our Hazardous Materials team and how they protect our city. Check out the Haz Mat gear and experience using our specialized equipment.

Tuesday, May 25th - Tactical Rescue

Along with traditional firefighting, the WFD has several special teams made up by firefighters who are cross-trained to respond to various types of emergencies. Get an overview of our tactical rescue methods, including high angle, trench, confined space and structural collapse. Try out some tactical rescue drills for yourself.

Tuesday, June 1st – Vehicle Extrication

Participate in a mock motor vehicle collision entrapment and learn about the steps we take to safely remove people from serious car accidents. Gain hands-on knowledge about the equipment used in a vehicle extrication, including the *Jaws of Life*.

Saturday, June 5th – Firefighter Skills/Graduation

Experience a few of our drills and duties first-hand, such as “Catching a Plug” , advancing a hose line and spraying water. Invite your family and friends to watch as you demonstrate your firefighting skills and participate in a Citizen’s Fire Academy graduation ceremony.